

In the Claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A pigment composition comprising

(a) 60 to 80% by weight based on the weight of the composition of an organic pigment selected from the group consisting of disazo pigments, metal complex pigments and naphthol pigments,

(b) 2 to 6% by weight based on the weight of the composition of a hyperdispersant which is a reaction product of a poly(lower alkylene)-imine with a polyester having a free carboxylic acid group, in which there are at least two polyester chains attached to each poly(lower alkylene)-imine,

(c) 2 to 6% by weight based on the weight of the composition of a synergistic additive, wherein the synergistic additive is an asymmetric disazo compound comprising a central divalent group free from ionic substituents, linked through azo groups to two monovalent end groups, the first being free from any ionic groups and the second being ~~a substituted~~ an ammonium carboxylate group, substituted ammonium phosphonate group or substituted ammonium sulfonate group wherein the ammonium ion is substituted by from 1 to 4 alkyl groups containing a total of from 6 to 80 carbon atoms,

(d) 3 to 8% by weight based on the weight of the composition of a solvent, wherein the solvent is an aliphatic or aromatic hydrocarbon distillate fraction of boiling points in the range of 100 to 350°C or is a triglyceride vegetable oil in which the fatty acid moieties have a chain length of 12 to 24 carbon atoms, and

(e) 2 to 30% by weight based on the weight of the composition of rosin or a modified rosin wherein the modified rosin is a ~~resin (acid)-metal rosinate-resinate~~, a rosin ester, ~~a pentaerythritol rosin and a rosin-modified phenolic resin, a vegetable oil based rosin ester, a maleinized rosin,~~ a hydrogenated rosin, a disproportionated rosin, or a dimerised, polymerised or part-polymerised rosin, or mixtures thereof.

2-3. **(cancelled)**

4. **(previously presented)** The pigment composition according to claim 1, wherein the hyperdispersant (b) is a reaction product of polyethyleneimine with a polyester derived from a hydroxycarboxylic acid of the formula HO-X-COOH, wherein X is a divalent saturated or unsaturated

aliphatic radical containing at least 8 carbon atoms, and in which there are at least 4 carbon atoms between the carboxylic and the hydroxy groups.

5-8. **(cancelled)**.

9. **(currently amended)** An oil-based printing ink for lithographic printing containing as colourant a pigment composition according to claim 1 and from 0 to 5% by weight of additives selected from the group consisting of drying enhancers, drying inhibitors, non-coloured extenders, fillers, opacifiers, antioxidants, waxes, oils, surfactants, rheology modifiers, wetting agents, dispersion stabilizers, strike-through inhibitors, anti-foaming agents, adherence promoters, cross-linking agents, plasticisers, photoinitiators, deodorants, biocides, laking agents and chelating agents.

10. **(currently amended)** The printing ink according to claim 9 containing as colourant 5 to 50% of the pigment composition, ~~and optionally further customary additives.~~

11. **(previously presented)** A process for preparing the printing ink according to claim 9 which comprises dispersing the pigment composition into a lithographic printing ink system.

12. **(cancelled)**

13. **(previously presented)** The pigment composition according to claim 1, wherein the disazo pigment is a diarylide pigment.

14. **(new)** A pigment composition comprising according to claim 1 wherein the rosin ester of component (e) is a pentaerythritol rosin ester or a vegetable oil rosin ester.